

REMARKS

After entry of the above amendments, claims 1-18 will be pending in the present application. Claims 1-2, 5-7, 10-12, and 15 have been amended to delete unnecessary language, to explicitly recite what was implicit, to further clarify the invention, and/or to correct informalities. New claims 16-18 have been added. Support for the claim amendments and the new claims can be found in the specification. Applicant reserves the right to pursue any amended claim in its original form in a continuation application. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner is thanked for speaking with the Applicant's attorney in a telephone interview on February 23, 2007. During the telephone interview, proposed claim amendments to claims 1 and 5 were discussed. The Examiner agreed that the proposed claim amendments would overcome the §§ 101, 112, 102, and 103 rejections set forth in the October 4, 2006 Office action.

Applicant has amended the claims as proposed during the telephone interview. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the claims, as amended, are directed to statutory subject matter under 35 U.S.C. § 101, satisfy the requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, are not anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,317,880 to Chamberlain et al. (hereinafter "Chamberlain"), and are patentable over Chamberlain in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,317,380 to Kang.

CONCLUSION

On the basis of the above remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is believed to be warranted and such action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or comments, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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